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1. JOHN MIZZI, CHAIRMAN MALTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, ON BEHALF GOM AND MR. LI YING, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CHINESE EMBASSY, SIGNED JUNE 26 MINUTES OF TALKS ON SETTING UP DECORATIVE GLASS AND CHOCOLATE FACTORIES. MINUTES CONSTITUTE AGREED RESULTS THREE MONTHS STUDY BY TWO CHINESE TEAMS, ONE OF FIVE MEMBERS AND OTHER OF SIX, REGARDING TWO INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE TO BE OWNED AND RUN BY GOM.

2. GLASS PROJECT WILL BE HOUSED IN A 25,500 SQ. FT. FACTORY AT MARSA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND INVOLVE ERECTION OF FIVE FURNACES OF VARIOUS SIZES WHICH WILL PRODUCE BETWEEN 200,000 AND 250,000 PIECES OF GLASS VASES, ASHTRAYS AND OTHER ORNAMENTAL WORKS ANNUALLY. NAME OF COMPANY TO BE DECORATIVE  
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GLASS COMPANY LIMITED. NEW EMPLOYMENT ANTICIPATED BY GLASS  
PROJECT IS 110.

3. CHOCOLATE FACTORY TO BE HOUSED IN 25,000 SQ. FT. FACTORY  
AT BULEBEL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. PRODUCTION CAPACITY BETWEEN 1  
AND 1.2 TONS PER SHIFT. COMPANY TO BE CALLED MALTA CHOCOLATE  
LIMITED AND WILL MAKE PLAIN MILK AND PLAIN VANILLA  
CHOCOLATE BARS AS WELL AS POLISHED CHOCOLATE WITH AN ALMOND  
CORE. SEMI- AUTOMATIC PLANT EXPECTED EMPLOY AROUND 50 INDIVIDUALS.  
TWO PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED FROM " INTEREST FREE" LOAN  
OF 16.93 MILLION POUND STERLING FURNISHED BY PRC.

4. WITH INITIALING OF MINUTES FOR TWO FACTORIES  
11 CHINESE SURVEY EXPERTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TASK IN MALTA  
AND ARE EXPECTED DEPART JUNE 29. IN MEANTIME, OTHER CHINESE  
CURRENTLY INVOLVED SETTING UP AND MANNING PRC PAVILION AT MALTA  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS JULY. PRC  
PAVILION BEING STOCKED WITH FULL RANGE CONSUMER AND FOOD  
ITEMS, FROM CANNED FRUIT TO BICYCLES WHICH WILL BE SOLD  
AS WELL AS DISPLAYED TO PUBLIC ATTENDING FAIR.

5. COMMENT: AFTER MONTHS OF PUBLICITY, CHINESE PROJECTS EMPLOY-  
ING ONLY 160 PERSONS, CERTAINLY INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL PERCENT-  
AGE OF FEMALE LABOR, WILL MAKE BUT A MINOR DENT IN MALTA'S  
UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. GETZ

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